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LB 283, 285, 379, 759

he went in and there was nothing but brown, barren, terribly depressing landscape. It was an awful place. And the politician got on the phone...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and he called Saint Peter and he said, I can't believe what I'm seeing; what is this? And Saint Peter said, well, you're looking at a campaign promise. Campaign promises, Governor Huckabee said, are not always the best thing to do because you never know what you're going to come up against in your legislative career or in your political career, and he said sometimes it's more politically safe to vote for a tax increase than it is for kicking a little old lady out of the nursing home or closing one of those rural schools that Senator Cunningham was talking about. It is not popular to vote for a tax increase, but I think the important thing is that you are able to explain your vote when your constituents ask you about it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Synowiecki, followed by Senator Louden and others.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. LB 759 contains provisions on taxing reconstruction labor that I perceive to be quite unfair and disproportionate to low and moderate income homeowners. Rather than proceed with LB 759, it has been my hope all along that we continue to move alternative revenue bills, specifically they're LB 283, LB 285, and LB 379, which combined they provide an equivalent amount of revenue as LB 759 without that tax on reconstruction. I have not given up hope yet, Senator Louden. I will be attaching an amendment to LB 283, much like Senator Beutler is attempting to do to offset the income portion of that bill, to offset the projected revenue in reconstruction labor with the federal state relief package. Members, I hope you have an open mind when this amendment is considered and debated. It has become crystal clear, painfully clear, that LB 759 is the chosen vehicle by this body to close this gap. I have said all along that I want to be a part of the solution on both sides of this equation, so I will join my colleagues today in overriding, in joining with the override.